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FM AMEMBASSY PRAGUE
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2604
INFO AMEMBASSY VIENNA
AMCONSUL FRANKFURT

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FRANKFURT FOR RSS, RTT ONLY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AMED, ASEC/NSU (LOUCKS, CHARLES, BUC)

SUBJECT: INJURY AND HOSPITALIZATION, BUC CHARLES LOUCKS

1. SUMMARY: BUC LOUCKS FELL THRU ATTIC CEILING IN
CHANCERY AT APPROX 1530 HOURS, MAY 4, 1977. SUSTAINED
HEAD INJURY AND POSSIBLE CRACKED RIB. WAS TAKEN BY
AMBULANCE TO CHARLES UNIVERSITY FACULTY HOSPITAL FOR
OBSERVATION. PROGNOSIS GOOD. REGIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER
HAS BEEN CONSULTED.

2. CHIEF LOUCKS FELL APPROXIMATELY TEN FEET ONTO CEMENT
FLOOR, PROBABLY STRIKING HEAD ON WOOD SUPPORT BEAM,
APPROXIMATELY 14/14". BLEEDING FROM RESULTING CUT WAS
STEMMED THRU FIRST-AID ADMINISTERED BY EMBASSY PERSONNEL.
AMBULANCE CREW ARRIVED PROMPTLY AND ACCOMPANYING DOCTOR
EXAMINED LOUCKS, AND HAD HIM WALK, ASSISTED BY ATTENDANTS,
DOWN STAIRS TO AMBULANCE.

3. PRE-ADMISSION TREATMENT INCLUDED STITCHES TO
CLOSE APPROXIMATELY ONE INCH WOUND ABOVE LEFT EAR,
TETANUS INJECTION, X-RAYS OF CRANIUM, SPINE, BACK
AND NECK - ALL NEGATIVE. SUBSEQUENT BLOOD AND URINE
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ANALYSES - ALL NEGATIVE. ALL VITAL SIGNS NORMAL.

4. LOUCKS SYMPTOMS EVENING OF MAY 4 INCLUDED LOSS OF
RECENT MEMORY (NO RECOLLECTION OF PRIOR TWO DAYS IN
PRAGUE). THIS SYMPTOM HAD DISAPPEARED BY 0800, MAY 5.
BY PATIENTS OWN ACCOUNT, "HAZINESS" BEGAN TO DISSIPATE
AROUND 0100. ALSO COMPLAINS OF PAIN IN LOWER SHOULDER

REGION IN ADDITION TO GENERAL MUSCULAR SORENESS. DOCTOR
SUSPECTS CRACKED RIB AND FURTHER TESTS ARE BEING
MADE.

5. TREATMENT TO DATE HAS CONSISTED OF STANDARD HEAD
AND BACK-INJURY HOSPITAL PROCEDURES. EXCEPT FOR
TEMPORARY LOSS OF RECENT MEMORY, LOUCKS HAS APPEARED
COHERENT AND ALERT THROUGHOUT PERIOD SINCE INJURY.
MORNING OF MAY 5 FOUND HIM IN GOOD SPIRITS, HUNGRY,
AND ANXIOUS TO GET OUT OF THE HOSPITAL. HE HAS HAD
CONSTANT ATTENDANCE IN SHIFTS BY THE RSO, MARINE
SECURITY GUARDS, AND HIS TEAMMATE, UT1 LEONARD KAZE,
AND HAS BEEN VISITED BY ADMINO.

6. CHIEF OF SURGICAL CLINIC RATS PROGNOSIS AS VERY
GOOD. IF TESTS NOW BEING TAKEN ARE POSITIVE, CHIEF SURGEON
FAVORS RELEASE FROM HOSPITAL AFTERNOON MAY 5 AND ONE WEEK
BED REST WITH MEDICAL CHECKS.

7. RMO PETTINGA, VIENNA,,HAS BEEN CONSULTED BY TELEPHONE,
AND FAVORS THE COURSE PRESCRIBED OVER MEDEVAC. POST WILL
CONTINUE REGULAR CONSULTATION WITH DR. PETTINGA.

8. FOR A/SY/NSU. ACCIDENT REPORT BY UT1 KAZE BEING SENT
BY SEPARATE COVER. WILL ADVISE OF FURTHER MEDICAL
DEVELOPMENTS. N.B. BUC LOUCKS REQUESTS THAT FAMILY
NOT, REPEAT NOT, BE NOTIFIED, TO AVOID UNNECESSARY CONCERN.
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